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President's Message

Hello everyone:

I would like, to wish a warm welcome to three new members, Eugene Simms, from Westminster BC; John Hnatiuk from Richmond BC and Troy Zimmer, from Regina, SK. I hope you enjoy our publication and that we get to meet with you at one of our gathering.

Now that the Ontario Numismatic Convention is behind us, it is time to plan the CAWMC AGM breakfast meeting, on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, at the Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza & Conference Centre, 1316 33St NE, Calgary AB T2A 6B6, tel 403 248 8888

Please let me know if you would like to have the group discuss something or another. We'll gladly include your item on the agenda. Furthermore, this is an election year for CAWMC. Please fill the nomination form that can be found on page 6 of this publication. CAWMC is your association and your input are both welcome and necessary, as we thrive to keep it healthy and active.

It is time to decide if you would like to submit material for the auction that we run each year at the occasion of our CAWMC Breakfast-AGM on Saturday July 20. I would like to invite you to consign with us the material that you wish to sell. CAWMC will keep 20% of the sale as commission; unless you wish to donate all proceeds to our organization. It's your call!! Should you plan to consign something special or material, please let Al Munro, our auctioneer, or myself, know in advance, as we'll gratuitously advertise it in the June and July newsletters, in time for the auction.

I hope you enjoy reading about our featured wood of the month (yes, I am a happy mother-in-law and soon-to-be grandma!) and an article of the possibilities of collecting by dates which, while at first view not quite connecting with wooden coins and tokens collecting, as enough similarities to hold your interest and make you mentally go back to your childhood or review your collection for short phone numbers, as I did.

Happy month of May!

France



## Spadafora-Waychison wedding wood

### Featured wood of the month May 2019



The wood featured this month is one that was created and given away at the wedding of my son Gabriel and his bride Diana. They got married last year in October.

When my son Michael got married in 2010, his bride Vanessa and he thought that a commemorating wood would be fun to have. I'll discuss that one in a future issue of Timber Talk.

Both my kids graciously accept one of my "painted" woods each year as part of their Christmas package. So, each having a wedding wood was kind of a given and, in a way, a wink to mom. At least, I think so!

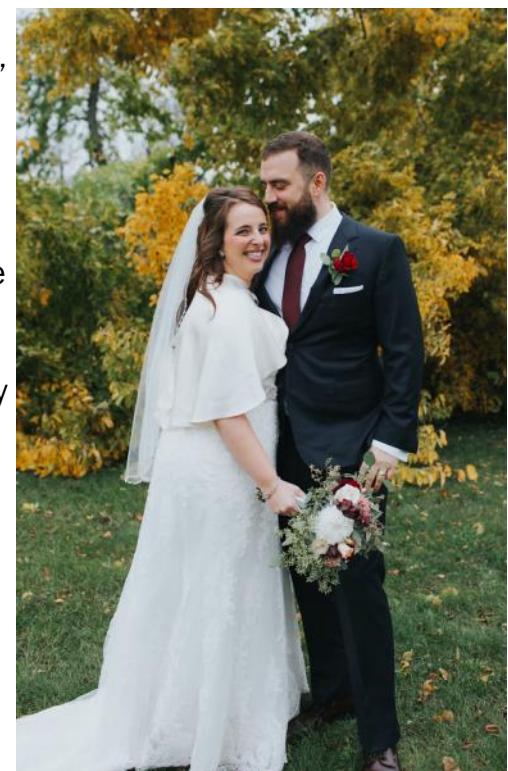
A bit of background: Diana is from Sault Ste. Marie ON (the Soo). While the obverse of the wood would be about Diana and Gabriel, we thought that having something representing Sault Ste. Marie on the reverse would be neat. In the Soo, there are the Locks and the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre. Some woods have already been issued featuring the Locks.

I remember that as a kid, Gabriel was fanatic about planes. Today, Gab works in the North West Territories, where bush planes abound. And he loves the Sault Ste. Marie museum dedicated to them.

Next, I asked Gabriel what his favorite bush plane is. The answer was quick; "DCH-6 Twin Otter with" short nose". And "short nose" was a must, I was told.

I researched pictures of that plane so I could send some to James Williston (CWW) and his graphist friend Robin, who would create the wood. It is interesting to know that that plane could be flown with wheels, skis or on floats.

The front of the wood shows both names, united by an elegantly squiggled &, within a heart, topped by a smaller heart.





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Featured wood of the month-suite and end



In the back, the date and location of the wedding can be found. A picture of the famous “DCH-6 Twin Otter with” short nose” on wheels is shown in the middle, under three stars. I never enquired what those 3 stars were about, but I decided that they represent Diana, Gabriel and the love between these two. Call me mushy, I have no problem with that!

Both sides of the wood are struck in burgundy foil, which, if you tilt it a bit, has golden undertones to it.

As Diana is from a huge Italian family, this was a “big” wedding by today’s standards. 350 woods were produced. I am proud to share one of them with you.

P.S. 1. The Sault Ste. Marie Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre does not have this plane on display but the museum is a fantastic place to visit while in the Soo.

2. Gabriel and Diana’s wedding pictures shown with their permission.



Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Sault Ste. Marie ON



## **Dating Collectibles by the Phone Number      by David Schroeder**

Attached is a copy of an article published in the February 2019 issue of the DIG AND PICK, the official publication of the Wild Rose Antique Collectors club of Edmonton, Alberta. I checked with the author, David Schroeder, and, as shown below, he authorized our publishing it in our bulletin providing we acknowledge the Wild Rose Club. I thought our members might enjoy the article as it relates to many of our tokens and woods. David also says each reader can confirm the dates of the conversion to seven digit numbers in their area by checking telephone directories at their local libraries. Al Munro

### **Dating Collectibles by the Phone Number      by David Schroeder**

Advertising items, given out by businesses, often show a phone number. Does a 2 digit phone number on a collectible automatically mean that the item is very old - maybe 1930's? If a collectible has a 7 digit phone number on it, does that automatically mean that the item is newer than the other item? Many people think the answer to both of these questions is yes.

Look at the phone numbers on the matchbook covers. Notice that the matchcover from Legal Motors advertises a 1967 Plymouth, and Legal Motors has a 2 digit phone number at that time. Notice that the matchcover from Duparquet, Quebec advertises the 1975 Chevrolet, and Wettring Motor Sales has a 4 digit phone number in 1975.

I have about 9,000 different automobile matchcovers from the mid 1930's to the early 1990's. Each one specifies a year, so my collection is perfect for studying the relationship between age and the number of digits. Using my collection as a reference, I have observed the following:

Phone numbers with 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 (and very rarely 6) numerical digits were used until 1967.

Phone numbers with 2 letters followed by 4 or 5 numbers were used from 1939 until 1970.

The earliest appearance of 7 digit phone numbers is on 1962 matchcovers. The use of 7 digit phone numbers increased dramatically for 1963, then increased steadily each year reaching 100% by 1971.

Other than a very few exceptions (such as Duparquet, Quebec), the dates above apply to 99.9% of telephone numbers used in Canada and the USA.

If you look up telephone number history on the internet, no internet sites agree with my dates. Wikipedia and others give dates that are far earlier. One site says that 7 digit phone numbers started in 1931, then slowly and steadily spread to everywhere. A few sites give 1951 as the start of 7 digit phone numbers. I firmly believe that those dates are totally wrong, and I have 9000 dated matchcovers that collectively back up my dates.

Other telephone numbers such as 241A or 33R3 also existed previously. These were rural party lines. In the first example, the party line was number 241, and each specific phone was assigned a letter. In the second example, the phone number was 33 and the specific phone was the one that rang with 3 rings.

As an example, for Edmonton collectibles, the following applies:

Edmonton used phone numbers with 4 numerical digits from 1908 through 1929.

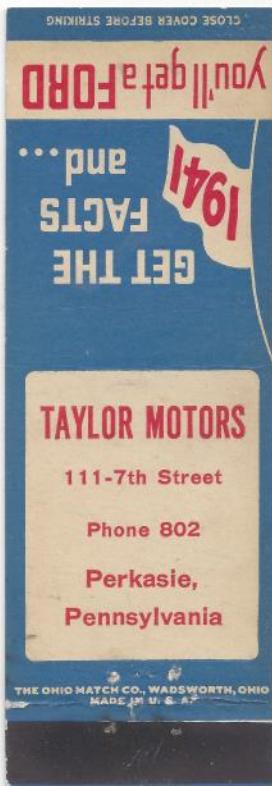
Edmonton used phone numbers with 5 numerical digits from 1929 through 1958.

Edmonton used phone numbers with 2 letters and 5 numbers from 1959 through 1962.

Early in 1962, all of the City of Edmonton municipal government phone numbers changed to new 7 digit numbers. Late in 1962, everyone else in Edmonton (businesses and residences) changed to new 7 digit phone numbers.

**Dating Collectibles- suite and end**

Illustrations of matchboxes provided by M. Schroeder. Do you have any woods showing 2 o, 3 or 4 digits numbers? Please send photos, We'll be happy to share with our fellow collectors.



Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors

**Nomination Form for July 2019 to July / August 2021  
Officers and Directors**

Please ensure that if you are nominating somebody, that you have confirmed his / her willingness to stand BEFORE submitting your nomination form. Nomination forms should be sent to **Dave Gillespie** at [dacar57@hotmail.com](mailto:dacar57@hotmail.com) so as to reach him no later than May 19th, 2019. If more than one person nominated for a position, we will then send out Election Ballot Forms in our June 2019 Timber Talk (or by separate e-mail). At our Annual Meeting during the RCNA Convention (Sat., July 20, 2019) in Calgary (Alberta), we will call for a motion to confirm the Officers and Directors (it is not mandatory for nominated parties to be in attendance). All executive positions are up for re-election as indicated below: **Please note that you do NOT have to fill all positions,**

I would like to nominate the following CAWMC current members as indicated beside the position below [PLEASE PRINT THE PERSON(s) FULL NAMES]:

For President: \_\_\_\_\_

For Vice-President: \_\_\_\_\_

For Secretary-Treasurer / Membership Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

For Directors:

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

The above person(s) were nominated by: (print YOUR name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ SIGN YOUR NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan and e-mail to [dacar57@hotmail.com](mailto:dacar57@hotmail.com) or send by Canada Post mail service to Mr. **Dave Gillespie**, 3 Old Oak Lane, Mono, Ontario Canada L9W 4B1 no later than May 19th, 2019. ONLY those nomination forms SIGNED by the nominator, will be accepted.